



## China Southern selects Thales for passenger In-Flight Entertainment and Support Services

**Neuilly-sur-Seine, 15 January 2009** – Thales, a world leader in In-Flight Entertainment (IFE) systems, is proud to announce that it has been selected to install the TopSeries on ten A330-300 aircraft owned by China Southern. Each aircraft will be equipped with audio and video on-demand at every seat with the first delivery scheduled for March 2010. With this commitment, Thales will now have its most advanced TopSeries aircraft on all major China carriers.

Thales has a main service center in Beijing, which is populated with talented, customer-focused professionals who truly relate to the customer. *“We feel very positive about our selection. Thales’s IFE system is proven in our region and we find that our relationship with Thales people is very strong with uninterrupted dedication and attention to our airline,”* said Mr. Dong Suguang, Vice President of China Southern.

*“China is a very important, strategic market for Thales. We are delighted to be selected for China Southern’s A330 aircraft and appreciate their vote of confidence,”* said Alan Pellegrini, Vice President and General Manager of Thales’s IFE business. China Southern and Thales are also looking into service programs to support both repair and content management.

### About Thales

Thales is a leading international electronics and systems group, addressing defence, aerospace and security markets worldwide. Thales’s leading-edge technology is supported by 22,000 R&D engineers who offer a capability unmatched in Europe to develop and deploy field-proven mission-critical information systems. To this end, the group’s civil and military businesses develop in parallel and share a common base of technologies to serve a single objective: the security of people, property and nations. The group builds its growth on its unique multi-domestic strategy based on trusted partnerships with national customers and market players, while leveraging its global expertise to support local technology and industrial development. Thales employs 68,000 people in 50 countries with 2007 revenues of €12.3 billion.

For more information about Thales Inflight Entertainment Systems, visit [www.thales-ifs.com](http://www.thales-ifs.com).

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